

MARINES TO RETURN FROM HAITI AND SAN DOMINGO

Twelve hundred marines now stationed in Haiti and San Domingo, who enlisted for the "present emergency," will be mustered out by the first of next year, according to an announcement by Secretary Daniels. They will be brought home at the rate of about 400 a month. It was stated, and discharged immediately upon their arrival in the United States.



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RAIL EXPERTS TO ARGUE PROBLEMS

Utility Commissioners Open Important Convention Today. Discuss Plumb Plan.

INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 14.—The Plumb plan for nationalization of the railroads, projects for the return of America's rail carriers to private ownership and the critical situation presented to telegraph and telephone companies as a result of the so-called Burleson rates, are among some of the most important problems which will be thrashed out by the National Association of Railways and Utilities Commissioners, which convened its thirty-first annual convention here today.

This convention is expected to develop one of the most important meetings in the history of the association and men prominent as public utility experts are here to participate in the proceedings. Three hundred commissioners have registered already and more are expected before the convention adjourns a week hence. Walker D. Hines, director general of railroads, and United States Senator Albert D. Cummins, chairman of the Senate Committee of Interstate Commerce, have been urgently requested to attend, and it is expected one or both of these experts will address the convention this week.

Many subjects of vital importance to the public utilities of America, Hawaii, and the Philippine Islands will be discussed in addition to those enumerated above. Public utilities were never before in such pressing need of assistance not only from the Government, but from the public, too. It was pointed out that virtually every line of industry has been permitted to increase the prices of their products to meet advanced wages and costs for raw materials. This privilege has been denied the public utilities and many of them are on the verge of bankruptcy as a result. It is a foregone conclusion, that some changes will be suggested and legislation covering important subjects may be requested of Congress.

Motor Freight Traffic. Important among the topics to come before the convention will be the street railways problem and the

League of Nations Is Born, Despite U. S. Opposition

LONDON, Oct. 14.—Man's age-old dream of a world organization to prevent war was consummated yesterday, when official notification was delivered to the secretariat at Sunderland House of the fact that France, Great Britain and Italy have ratified the peace treaty.

Thus was the league of nations brought into being while President Wilson lay in his sick bed and while his nation, which had been looked upon as the leader of the league, held aloof from the society.

Official birth of the league was inconspicuously casual. It consisted merely of notification to the temporary headquarters of the secretariat that the three ratifications had been deposited in Paris. Then began to function the machinery which the statesmen in Paris provided to guard the world against war and preserve millions of mankind from the cruelties of strife.

Only a skeleton organization of the secretariat was ready to function. Sir Eric Drummond, secretary general, was there with a staff of typists and secretaries not more than a dozen persons.

question of regulating the rapidly growing motor truck freight traffic. The gas standards controversy, railroad and utility rates will likewise be discussed. State and Federal legislation further regulating safety devices and safety operation will be discussed from many angles and it is likely a committee will be appointed to draft such legislation and present it to the several State assemblies and Congress. In addition to these, a mass of technical problems must be thrashed out and it is likely the convention will extend into extra sessions.

John W. McArdle, of the Indiana public service commission, welcomed the delegates to this city in a short address and Gov. James P. Goodrich and Mayor Charles W. Jewett greeted them in the name of the State and the city, respectively. Among the other prominent men who will speak are Clyde B. Atchison, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and Max Theiler, director of service for the Federal Railway Administration. The delegates will be entertained at a banquet by the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce.

The National Association of Railways and Public Utility Commissioners comprises all railroad and utility commissions in the United States, Hawaii, and the Philippine Islands, and this is the first time in years the convention has been held outside of Washington. The association officers are:

President, Charles E. Elmquist, Minnesota; first vice president, Charles M. Condlie, Georgia; second vice president, Joseph B. Eastman, Massachusetts; secretary, James B. Walker, New York, and assistant secretary, L. S. Boyd, Washington, D. C. E. L. Lewis and Paul V. Haynes, of the Indiana commission, are members of important committees of the national organization.

FIRST TRADE ENVOY TO POLAND NAMED

Louis E. Van Norman has been appointed the first American trade commissioner to Poland, according to an announcement made by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce, today.

Mr. Van Norman has just completed a survey of the Rumanian situation. Some of his closest friends are well known Polish leaders.

"Just at this time," says the new trade commissioner, "Poland is of particular interest and concern to the American people. First, there is the peculiar historic appeal of its splendid struggle to regain its sovereign place among the nations of the world, always fascinating to Americans. But we now perceive clearly that Poland stands once more as one of the outposts of western civilization. The Polish people, who have always been a sentinel folk, are today not only the geographical but the spiritual frontier of Bolshevism. Whatever happens to Russia from Germany must proceed over Poland. Whatever new political and social philosophy come out of Russia can reach the western nations only over Polish soil.

"It is therefore of the first importance for the American business world to get exact information concerning this Polish country, which may become an important buyer of American goods, and which, on the other hand, will soon be able to export large amounts of raw products to this country."

At the beginning of the war Mr. Van Norman was connected with the War Trade Board here. His new headquarters will be in Warsaw.

30 PEASANTS DIE IN SICILIAN WAR

PARIS, Oct. 14.—Newspaper dispatches from Rome state that about thirty persons have been killed in encounters between armed peasants and troops in Sicily. There were many wounded among the peasants. The unrest among the peasants is increasing, and bands of armed peasants are roaming the rural districts.

LEWIS B. FRANKLIN, the man who a few short months ago was a power in putting over America's five mighty Liberty loans, has undertaken the organizing and managing of the nationwide Every Member campaign for the Protestant Episcopal Church, according to a report from New York city.



SIX SKELETONS ARE FOUND ON MD. DUMP

Gruesome Discovery of Trunk Full of Bones Made by Two Young Men.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Oct. 14.—Six human skeletons have been found on the garbage dump off Willowbrook road, near Lindenville. The discovery was made by two young men, one named Brotemarkle and one Wilson, who live in the neighborhood. Brotemarkle is employed at the Country Club.

The young men noticed part of the skeletons exposed and upon examination found other parts in an old weatherbeaten trunk which had broken open.

The men notified Sheriff Robert M. Hutcheson, who this morning, upon examining the find, became convinced that the remains of human beings had been placed in the trunk. Little flesh remained on the bones.

The trunk is of medium size and of a type generally used by foreigners from Southern Europe. It was impossible to tell how many skeletons the trunk contained or whether parts are missing. The bones are broken, but there are six skulls or parts of skulls in the lot. Some persons expressed the notion that the skeletons may have been cast away by medical students who had been experimenting. Others advance the idea that several persons may have been secretly murdered at different times and their bodies concealed in a cellar or other place until these responsible for the crime, fearing discovery, decided to get rid of the remains by means of the trunk.

SEEKS ARMED MEN'S GRAVES. NOGALES, Oct. 14.—Joseph Allen Richards, the American railroad man who claimed to have located the bodies of Lieutenant Waterhouse and Connolly, American aviators lost in Mexico, left here today for San Diego, Cal., to relocate the graves.

GERMAN UNEMPLOYED BILL. BERLIN, Oct. 14.—Germany has paid \$1,125,000,000 in unemployed benefits since the outbreak of the revolution, according to estimates.



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PRESS OF BRITAIN ACCLAIMS LEAGUE

Papers Call Plan Commendable, But Declare That Rough Road Is Ahead.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—The entire London press, with the exception of the Morning Post, today acclaimed the birth of the League of Nations, in commenting on the meeting yesterday of the union formed to promote the league. The expressions of opinion are notably serious and thoughtful as compared with the flourishing applause in the earlier stages of the league discussion.

The editors now soberly review the league as a commendable achievement, but one which they realize must be the first step on a road that is neither easy nor short.

Discussing the league as a business venture, the Daily Telegraph declares it is certain to be difficult, but hopes that Britain will work for its success.

The Daily News urges devotion to the new international scheme, asserting Britain must be loyal to the covenant, even if article XI touches Ireland. (Article XI deals with international relations "which threaten to disturb either the peace or the good understanding between nations upon which peace depends.")

The Times endorsed Lord Robert Cecil's argument for the reduction of armaments. The Daily Chronicle, declaring the country is solidly for the league, says it is impossible to think the league without the mind traveling "to the sickroom across the Atlantic where President Wilson's illness is of the gravest concern to the world."

VON DER GOLTZ A PRUSSIAN JUNKER

Aims at Re-establishment of Old Order in Germany.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—General von der Goltz, a nephew of the late Field Marshal Von der Goltz, organizer of the Turkish army in Constantinople until his death in 1916, is a typical representative of the Prussian junker class, says a copyrighted dispatch to the Times. He is fifty-five years old, over the average height, broad shoulders, fair complexion, with a head of close-cropped gray hair, and eyes which express unscrupulous determination.

Until quite recently he was almost unknown, but came to the front some time before the armistice was signed because of his pronounced hatred of anything which threatened the old German order. His avowed intention is to establish a monarchic German state in the Baltic provinces, and it is generally understood by his soldiers that when they have accomplished their task of subjecting the natives to German rule the ex-Kaiser will be called to reign as king over the conquered territory.

SELLING BODY EXHUMED. PITTSBURGH, Oct. 14.—The body of Mrs. Fannie Sellins, organizer for the United Mineworkers, who was shot and killed August 28, near the mines of the Allegheny Coal and Coke Company, at West Natrons, where there was a strike of mineworkers, was exhumed today at the instance of Fred B. Broad, a son-in-law.

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